

substituted alkylene, and substituted phenylene, and R₃ includes alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, or substituted phenylene, and

wherein R₄, R₅, and R₆ individually include alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, or substituted phenylene, and R₇, R₈ and R₉ individually include hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, and substituted phenyl.

Claims 49 and 50 are canceled.

REMARKS

Claims 28-50 are pending in the present application. Claims 44-47 and 49-50 are cancelled solely to clarify issues for prosecution in this application. No new claims are added. thus, no new matter is submitted. Upon entry of this response, claims 28-43 and 48 are pending.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

The Examiner has required an election of a single species of ester compound and polymeric component. The Applicants hereby elect without traverse the species of claim 1 wherein the polymer compound having at least one rigid block is polystyrene and the at least one elastic block is an ethylene/propylene copolymer. Such polymers are sometimes referred to as S-E/P-S block copolymers and those compositions wherein the ester is selected from the fourth formula of claim 28 or 48. Claims 28-43 and 48 read on the elected specie.

Applicants intend this to be a complete response to the Examiner's requirement. Applicants also request that the Examiner search the generic claim if the elected specie is found to be patentable. In view of the above response, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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